

REMARKS

Applicants have carefully reviewed the Final Office Action mailed on December 13, 2007. Applicants respectfully traverse (and do not concede) all objections, rejections, adverse statements, and adverse assertions made by the Examiner. Please cancel claim 2 without prejudice. Claim 15 remains pending and is allowed.

Allowed Claims

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for indicated that claim 15 is allowed.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claim 2 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Termin et al. in U.S. Patent No. 5,221,261. Without conceding the merits of the rejection, please note that claim 2 is now cancelled without prejudice, rendering the rejection moot. Applicants reserve the right to pursue this claim or claims of a similar scope in the future.

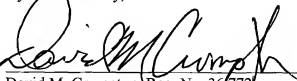
Conclusion

Reexamination and reconsideration are respectfully requested. It is respectfully submitted that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance. Issuance of a Notice of Allowance in due course is requested. If a telephone conference might be of assistance, please contact the undersigned attorney at (612) 677-9050.

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